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## 2005 PUGET SOUND GEORGIA BASIN

# RESEARCH CONFERENCE

- WHAT:** An international research conference focusing on Puget Sound Georgia Basin transboundary issues linking science to decision making.
- WHERE:** Washington Convention and Trade Center  
800 Convention Place, Seattle Washington
- WHEN:** Tuesday, March 29–Thursday, March 31, 2005
- WHO:** Scientists from government agencies, universities, Tribes, First Nations and consulting firms; natural resource managers and decision-makers; educators, students and the public.

The Puget Sound Action Team and the Georgia Basin Action Plan partners are planning the 2005 Puget Sound Georgia Basin (PSGB) research conference. This conference will build upon the successes of six previous Puget Sound research conferences and the significant transboundary work underway in the PSGB ecosystem. The Research Conference is the region's largest and most visible effort to communicate research on the condition of the Puget Sound Georgia Basin among the region's scientists and natural resource managers. The conference is also a focus for research managers, educators, and citizen groups to share successes and challenges in the restoration and protection of the PSGB region.

This conference will provide the Puget Sound and Georgia Basin community of scientists and natural resource managers with the opportunities and value they have come to expect from Puget Sound research conferences. At the same time, it will enhance Canadian participation in the conference and expand the technical program to include additional aspects of ecosystem research, including atmospheric interactions with the land and water.

### CONFERENCE THEMES INCLUDE:

- Science to define and understand the shared Puget Sound Georgia Basin transboundary region; its structure, function, traditional and societal characteristics.
- Using science and traditional knowledge to address the changes facing the transboundary Puget Sound Georgia Basin ecosystem.

### PUGET SOUND ACTION TEAM

The Action Team is a partnership of federal, state, tribal and local governments, citizens and businesses in the Puget Sound region of Washington state to develop and carry out two-year work plans that guide protection of water quality and biological resources. The biennial work plans are based on the Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan, the state of Washington's long-term strategy for protecting and restoring Puget Sound. As specified in these plans, the Action Team coordinates environmental monitoring and research for the region.

### GEORGIA BASIN ACTION PLAN

The Georgia Basin Action Plan (GBAP) is a collaborative, multi-partnered initiative to improve the sustainability of communities and the health of ecosystems in the Georgia Basin, which encompasses the watersheds of Puget Sound, Georgia Strait and Juan de Fuca Strait. Over five years (2003-2008) the Georgia Basin Action Plan partners will engage in projects that support collaborative stewardship, integrated ecosystem based management, application of scientific and indigenous knowledge, and protection and restoration of key ecosystems.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| ■ November 1, 2004  | Abstract Submissions Due    |
| ■ December 15, 2004 | Authors Notified            |
| ■ March 1, 2005     | Early Registration Deadline |
| ■ March 29–31, 2005 | Conference                  |

## SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Biota
- Stressors
- Ecosystem level studies
- Social and traditional ecological knowledge
- Governance approaches
- Management and policy tools
- Measuring ecosystem variability and change
- Restoration Strategies
- Communication, education and community/citizen involvement
- Conservation tools
- Human health
- Hazards and emergency responses
- Ecosystem level case studies / partnerships

## CO-SPONSORSHIP

The 2005 PSGB Research Conference will be made possible by the generous support of co-sponsors and the registration fees paid by attendees. Funding from co-sponsors is essential to keep registration fees to a reasonable level. In 2003, 38 co-sponsors provided funds to cover over 65 percent of the costs of the 2003 research conference.

If you are interested in providing co-sponsorship support for the 2005 Puget Sound Georgia Basin Research Conference, please contact:

- In the U.S.: **Scott Redman**, Puget Sound Action Team, 800-54-SOUND (from Washington State only), 360-725-5448 or email [sredman@psat.wa.gov](mailto:sredman@psat.wa.gov)
- In Canada: **David Fraser**, Environment Canada, 604-713-9529 or [david.fraser@ec.gc.ca](mailto:david.fraser@ec.gc.ca)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To obtain the Call for Abstracts and additional information about the conference, visit the Research Conference website at

[www.engr.washington.edu/epp/psgb/](http://www.engr.washington.edu/epp/psgb/)

Action Team and Environment Canada co-chairs are working with the 2005 Advisory Committee to design the conference's technical program. For information about presentations, topics or special sessions, contact the conference organizers:

- In the U.S.: **Sarah Brace**, Puget Sound Action Team, 800-54-SOUND (from Washington State only), 360-725-5464 or email [sbrace@psat.wa.gov](mailto:sbrace@psat.wa.gov)
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For information about abstract submission status, registration, or local information, please contact the conference manager:

- **Jan Kvamme**, Conference Manager, Engineering Professional Programs, University of Washington, 206-685-9636 or [kvamme@u.washington.edu](mailto:kvamme@u.washington.edu)

## THE 2003 PUGET SOUND GEORGIA BASIN RESEARCH CONFERENCE

In March 2003, Environment Canada joined the Puget Sound Action Team and 38 co-sponsors (including government agencies and private companies) in bringing together over 800 people at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver, B.C. for the first international Puget Sound Georgia Basin Research Conference. The conference focused on the theme *Applying Science and Information to Sustainability in a Shared Transboundary Ecosystem*.

Attendees included scientists from government agencies, universities, Tribes, First Nations and consulting firms; natural resource managers and decision-makers; educators, students and the public.

Participants learned from nearly 300 technical papers on a range of topics focusing on sharing science and solutions on ecosystem health issues facing the transboundary Puget Sound Georgia Basin region.

Proceedings from the 2003 research conference are available on the Action Team's website:

[www.psat.wa.gov](http://www.psat.wa.gov)



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